



Village of Savoy
Robert C. McCleary Municipal Center
611 North Dunlap Avenue
Savoy, IL

<u>MINUTES OF</u> <u>BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING</u>

DATE: March 4, 2020 PLACE: ROBERT C. MCCLEARY MUNICIPAL CENTER
611 North Dunlap Avenue
Savoy, IL 61874

TRUSTEES PRESENT: President Joan E. Dykstra
Trustee John P. Brown
Trustee Heather J. Mangian
Trustee Jan Carter Niccum
Trustee Dee Shonkwiler

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Trustees A. J. Ruggieri and Bill Vavrik

STAFF/PERSONNEL
PRESENT: Levi Kopmann, Assistant Village Manager/
Public Works/Engineer
Dan Davies, Zoning Administrator
Dennis Donaldson, Director of Planning & Econ. Dev
Jesse Stephens, Assistant Director of Public Works
Billie Jean Krueger, Village Clerk
Brandon Martin, Director of Savoy Recreation Center
Marc Miller, Village Attorney

STAFF/PERSONNEL
ABSENT:

GUESTS PRESENT: Lt. Tony Shaw, Champaign County Sheriff Dept.
Larry Kanfer – The Human Festival of Savoy
Mike Rumsey – The Human Festival of Savoy
Lee Tucker, Jr., 9 Magnolia Ct., Savoy
Pamela Pulcini, 4 Magnolia Ct., Savoy

CONVENED: 7:00 P.M.
ADJOURNED: 8:05 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Dykstra called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll was called of President Dykstra and all Trustees with President Dykstra and all Trustees answering present, except Trustee A.J. Ruggieri and Trustee Bill Vavrik were absent, and a quorum declared.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGAIANCE

President Dykstra led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

President Dykstra asked if there was any public participation.

Public Participation as follows:

Pamela Pulcini, 4 Magnolia Ct., Savoy – She stated there had been a gutter drainage problem that goes all the way down the street to the commons area caused by a gutter in front of 4 Magnolia Ct. and has been going on for five years. She presented a packet of pictures showing the unsightly drainage problem that had caused deterioration of the road, made a bad odor, showed stagnant water causing breeding of mosquitos, and then the water was harmful to pets like dogs. She also stated she believes this is a health and safety issue and a contractor had slipped on the ice caused by the water drainage in the winter and then in the summer, there is mud.

Lee Tucker, Jr., 9 Magnolia Ct., Savoy - Mr. Tucker was also present and stated that Ms. Pulcini had taken the brunt of this drainage problem at 4 Magnolia Court the year round and stated the drainage in this area is just not what it used to be.

4. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

President Dykstra asked for other agenda items to be added. None were added

5. CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. MINUTES - Board of Trustees of 2-12-2020 and 2-19-2020

Trustee Shonkwiler made a motion to approve the Board of Trustees Minutes of 2-12-2020, as presented, and Board of Trustees Study Session Minutes of 2-19-2020, as presented, seconded by Trustee Brown;

By Trustee vote: Brown, yes; Mangian, yes; Niccum, yes; and Shonkwiler; yes;

Absent: Trustees Ruggieri and Vavrik

Motion carried.

6. BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCE NO. 2020-02 – ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 103 N. DUNLAP AVENUE AND 110 W. CHURCH STREET, SAVOY, ILLINOIS

Trustee Brown made a motion to pass Ordinance No. 2020-02, as presented, seconded by Trustee Shonkwiler;

By Trustee vote: Brown, yes; Mangian, yes; Niccum, yes; and Shonkwiler; yes;

Absent: Trustees Ruggieri and Vavrik

Motion carried.

B. HUMAN FESTIVAL EVENT FUND REQUEST BY LARRY KANFER

Larry Kanfer presented the Request for Funding in the amount of \$11,500 for the Human Festival Event to be held on May 30, 2020. He stated it is hoped that the festival will grow each year and become a major event to help profile Savoy over time.

Trustee Shonkwiler stated he was 100% behind this event and would be in favor granting the funding request of \$11,500 and believed it would benefit Savoy.

Trustee Mangian stated she also was in favor of approving the funding request of \$11,500.

Levi Kopmann asked if they would need volunteers from Savoy Village Staff. Kanfer said no, Village Staff would not be required, only if they wanted to volunteer.

Mike Rumsey stated they have had very good and positive feedback from volunteers and have over 100-110 firm people that have volunteered.

President Dykstra shared the Human Festival Facebook page.

Trustee Niccum questioned whether the U of I will be paying for the police and fire coverage for the Human Festival Event. Larry Kanfer stated Tim Bannon at the Airport said he had taken care of those costs.

Trustee Niccum stated that from past performances, like Orchard Days, and possible weather conditions in May that might hamper this event, he could not support approving the \$11,500 funding request.

Trustee Shonkwiler stated there is only one event that is outside and that is the Human Race 5K on the Runway and all other event are inside.

Trustee Mangian stated runners run in the rain and she has no problem with the weather.

Brandon Martin, Director of the Savoy Recreation Center, stated there will be an indoor pickleball tournament and a fitness program inside from 12-6 pm.

Trustee Brown questioned where Savoy would get the funds to pay for this request.

Kopmann stated he believed it would come from the general fund.

Attorney Miller quickly researched and stated that Savoy could use the hotel/motel tax money to pay for this funding request of \$11,500.

Trustee Brown stated he was uncomfortable about approving the requested funding, because of how much the Village had to spend on Orchard Days, but, after looking at the Funding Request Packet provided by Larry Kanfer, he feels more comfortable now about approving it, but did warn Kanfer about the possibility of additional expenses.

President Dykstra stated that Tim Bannon at the Airport told her that they were willing to absorb the total costs without the Village of Savoy.

Trustee Mangian stated that Body n'Sole were volunteering to handle the 5K run and the owner of Body n'Sole manages the Illinois Marathon.

Trustee Shonkwiler made a motion to approve the request for funding for the Human Festival of Savoy Event in the amount of \$11,500, as presented, to be held May 30, 2020, seconded by Trustee Mangian;

By Trustee vote: Brown, yes; Mangian, yes; Niccum, no; and Shonkwiler; yes;

Absent: Trustees Ruggieri and Vavrik

Motion carried.

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. ASSISTANT VILLAGE MANAGER/PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEER and ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Assistant Village Manager/Public Works/Engineer, Levi Kopmann, stated he had no Assistant Village Manager report as yet for the month of February, since he just taken over this role on 3-1-2020. He stated he had been working the Curtis Road Grade Separation grant and the grant for the First Street Bike Path Project.

Trustee Niccum asked Kopmann about the status of another fire station east of Dunlap Avenue. Kopmann stated he believed it would be best to wait on the outcome of the grant for the Curtis Road Grade Separation.

Discussion was held between Kopmann and the Trustees about their concerns for Savoy citizens for the Colbert Park ongoing problems and the possibility of an automatic gate used at night when the Park is closed.

Kopmann stated that a camera is going to be put up at the entrance which might help the ongoing vandalism problem.

Trustee Mangian requested that the Magnolia Court drainage problem be revisited.

Mangian stated she has concern over the Prospect Avenue foam inserts popping up and the striping not lasting.

Jesse Stephens stated the Prospect Avenue problems were weather related and, as soon as the weather warms up, can be resolved.

B. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Assistant Director of Public Works, Jesse Stephens, presented the Public Works Report for the month of February, 2020.

C. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Dan Davies, Zoning Administrator, presented the Zoning Report for the month of February, 2020, together with Building Permit Detail Report for the month of February, 2020. Dan also encouraged President Dykstra and all Trustees to attend the upcoming Plan Commission on Monday, 3-23-2020, for an informal discussion regarding redevelopment of the grain elevator and Stark storage properties.

D. DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Dennis Donaldson presented his written monthly report for the month of February, 2020 to President Dykstra and the Trustees.

E. CLERK

Billie Krueger presented the Village Clerk's written monthly report for the month of February, 2020.

F. VILLAGE ATTORNEY

Village Attorney Marc Miller presented his February, 2020 Status Report.

G. CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT

Lt. Tony Shaw was present to give a report from the Champaign County Sheriff's Department for the month of February, 2020 as follows:

- Colbert Park – ongoing problems, working on camera to be installed
- The Human Festival of Savoy – Champaign County Deputies will take care of Savoy jurisdiction during this event; U of I Airport will be in charge of security, etc. for their jurisdiction.
- April – Dedicated to distracted drivers in Savoy.
- Trustee Niccum asked Lt. Shaw about reports of gun fire noise about two weeks ago in Savoy and was he aware of this. Trustee Brown also stated he had heard this gun fire noise also. Lt. Shaw stated he was not aware of this at all.

8. BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMUNICATIONS

- President Dykstra canceled the BOT Study Session of 3-11-2020
- Trustee Niccum gave an update on Champaign Unit 4 School District on the International Prep Academy School
- Trustee Mangian thanked all Village Staff on the great Open House for Village Manager, Retired, Dick Helton

9. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the open and public Board of Trustees meeting, President Dykstra adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Billie Jean Krueger

Billie Jean Krueger, Village Clerk

This meeting was recorded.

Approved this 6th day of May, 2020.

Billie Jean Krueger